THE REHEARSAL.

1. The *Flying-Post* Bamboozl'd.
2. He has made the *Kirk* in *Scotland* the *Schismaticks* even *Now*, by their own *Principles*.
3. The *WHIGGS Insulted*, and *Provok'd* to *Answer*. And why.
4. A new *Challenge* from the *Observator*. Decently *Retorted* upon the whole *Party*.
5. The *Observator* Persists in his *Lies* about the *two Books*, in a *Wondrous* Manner!
6. His Scandalous *Reflections* upon the *Lord High Admiral*, which he wou'd now *Flinch*, Fixt upon him.

SATURDAY, *June* 1st. 1706.

(1.) *Country-man.* I Long, *Master*, to hear what *Answer* the *Flying-Post* will give to what you Propos'd to him in your Last, that is, How he can Charge the *Bishops* and *Clergy* in *Scotland* with *Schism*? You have totally *Dis-Arm'd* him of his former *Pretence*, of the *Bishops* having *Exauctorated* themselves. Will he then put it upon the *Authority* of an *Act* of *Parliament*? Will he say that *That* can *Make* or *Un-Make* a *Schism* in the *Church*? And Oblige the *Conscience* in *Spiritual* Matters? Or even Determin as to the outward *Government* and *Regiment* of the *Church*? If he says so, How will he Defend the *Presbyterians* from *Schism* when the *Laws* were against *Them*? And how will he Save them from *Erastianism*, which they have *Abjur'd*? Which way will he find to Charge *Schism* and *Rebellion* too upon the *Bishops* and *Clergy* in *Scotland*, as he has Done, without involving the *Presbyterians* far more? Indeed, *Master*, I think he's in the *Pound*. I almost begin to *Pity* him. I cannot Imagin what he can find to say!

(2.) *Rehearsal.* He'll say—— *Nothing*—— I expect to hear no more from him upon the Subject. And his *Cause* is Gon with him. Else I had not taken so much Pains upon him. Let all the *Presbyterians* in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* Help him if they Can. Let them Help *Themselves*! Let them shew how ther is a *Scism* of the *Church* of *Scotland* against the *Kirk*, that will not make the *Kirk* the *Schismaticks*, as well *Now* as *Before*. For if they were *Before*, they must be *Now*, upon their own Known and Avowed *Principles*.

(3.) *Country-m.* Do's not this look a little *Insulting* in you, *Master*? Will it not be a *Reflection* upon your *Modesty*, or your *Moderation*?

Rehearsal. It wou'd be *Insolent* to any other *Sett* of *Men* in the *World*. And which I never use to any other sort of *Adversaries*. Ther are *Errors* of *Judgment*, and all Men are to be us'd tenderly in such Cases, even though *Heathens*, *Jews*, or *Mahometans*. Ther is nothing to be offer'd them but fair *Reason*, with *Meekness* of *Wisdom*. But when this *Method* will not Do, when it has been try'd with *Whiggs* and *Dissenters*, till they have *Nothing* left to *say*, till they *must* be *Convinc'd*! And then Grow the more *Insolent* for that! And think to carry it with *Noise*, and *Boasting* of *Victories*; and *Repeating* over again and again their *Baffl'd Arguments*, without giving any *Answer*; Then it is time, (when they have shew'd themselves past all *Conviction*) thus to *Expose* them, and *Provoke* them to *Answer*, that they may be Render'd *Contemptible* to all men of *Sense*, and their *Sophistry* Prevail no further. This is the Case of *Whiggs* and *Dissenters*, upon the Argument of *Church* and *Government*. Of which they Understand *Nothing*. But still *Chime* over their Nauseous *Principles*, in which they have been *Educated*, without offering to *Defend* them! This has made me *Provoke* them to the *Uttermost*, but *Provoke* them I cannot, to *Answer* one word as to *Argument*. They Return Nothing but *Railing* and calling me ico ill *Names*. Which *Reflects* only upon *Themselves*. *De Foe* has own'd in *Print*, in his *Reviews*, That he *Purposely Avoids* coming upon the *Argument* with me. To what *Purpose* then do's he write against me, who Proceed upon *Principles*, and Prove them by *Argument*? Is not this *Giving up* his *Cause* to all men of *Common Sense*? And *Given up* it is! And all men of *Sense* see it. The *Observator* calls himself a *Vindicator*, set up by *Providence*, to *Defend* the *Revolution*, to *Justify* it, and Answer all *Objections* against it. Now tho' I have shew'd, That these very Men are the *Enemies* to the *Revolution*, who have Mistaken its *Principles* upon which it Proceeded, and *Blacken'd* it and *Aspers'd* it, to make it as *Abhorrent* as the 30th, of *January*: Yet let me now Suppose a Man so Unfortunate as to have *Scruples* about the *Legality* of every *step* of the *Revolution*, what was the Office of a *Vindicator* in such a Case? Was it not to *Answer* his *Objections* Clearly and Solidety, upon the Foot of *Argument*? And to *Justifie* those *Principles* by *Argument* upon which he Places the *Revolution*? But instead of that, these *Vindicators*, Supposing *Divine Right*, or that *God* had any thing to Do with *Government*; made against the *Revolution*; if a Man spoke of *God* in the Case, or told of *Facts* as far off as *Noah* or *Adam*, presently cry'd out, This is against the *Revolution*! See, see, if this be not against the *Revolution*! This fellow ought to be *Hang'd*! ther's no *Enduring* him! This is their way of *Conviction*, and *Proving* by *Argument*! By which they have *Betray'd* their *Cause* to the utmost *Contempt*, and Perfectly *Expos'd* what they Pretended to *Defend*.

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Country-m. It looks as if they Play'd *Booty*! And if you had any Design of *Exposing* the *Revolution*, they have *Help'd* you sufficiently! But *Master*, you have Turn'd the *Revolution* against them; and them against the *Revolution*! These are Pretty *Vindicators*! I desire none such, when I have need of a *Vindication*.

(4.) But *Master*, I fancy they Begin to see their *Error*, and will come with you upon the *Argument*. For the *Observator* of 15th. last *Month*, Vol. 5. N. 17. Concludes thus, *If the REHEARSAL is Minded to Resume his Argument of JURE DIVINO, in which he has been so often Baffled, I shan't in the least Spare my Pains in Answering him.*

Rehearf. I never had any other *Baffling* or *Answer* from him, but such as he Repeats a few lines before, where he says, *you'll find it in the* 24 *of Adam and Eve. Cap.* 40. And I expect no other from him. And to *Provoke* the whole *Party* of *Whiggs* and *Dissenters* the more, I tell them, their *Cause* of the *Original* of *Government* in the *People* will Bear no Better *Argument* than *This*. All that their *Miltons*, *Locks*, and *Sidneys*, &c. have said for it, Amount to no more than *This*! Nor to so *Much*. For *This* is only *Silly*, and to serve *Porters* for a *Laugh* over a *Pot* of *Ale*. But these Renowned *Authors* speak *Nonsense* and *Contradiction* with a *Grave Face*, and in Good *Language*! And others seem to *Admire* them!

Why will they let me *Insult* thus? Why will they let me *Triumph*? Their Cause will suffer by it. Let some of the *Ablest* of them Write an *Observator* or two for *Tutchin*; and let them Answer my *Num.* 38. And see if they can save their most Celebrated *Lock* from all the *Weakness* and *Contradiction* there Prov'd upon him, and upon their whole *Scheme* of *Popular* Government. Or let them make a new *Scheme*, and see How they'll mend the Matter! How they can Fix *Government* upon any other Foot than that of *Divine Right*, which they have so much *Ridicul'd*, and Run even into *Blasphemy* in their *Rage* against the *Prerogative* of *God*, from whom all Lawful *Government* is *Deriv'd*. That is his *Prerogative*, to have all *Government* Deduced from *Him*, He the sole *Fountain* and *Original*. But these Men, *Sons* of *Belial*, wou'd take it from *Him*, and put the *Original* in the *Voice* of the *People*, which Crucify'd *Christ*. And they wou'd make this the *Voice* of *God*! I have spoke to this before, Num. 53. 68. and 77. Till I hope this *Voice* of the *People* will be *Heard* no more as the *Basis* of *Government*.

Country-m. Poor *Tutchin* has his Hands full now! He must Cry *Help*! *Help*. What will he do to *Answer* all these *Arguments*? But he has *Undertaken* it! He'll *Quote* you another *Chapter* of *Adam* and *Eve*!

But I think he's better at *Stories*, than at *Arguments*.

(5.) *Rehearf.* He has as *ill Luck* at the *one* as the *Other*. For he is *Detected* most *Palpapably*. Of which I have Given you Liberal Instances. But he stands it out still, that he may be *Detected* the More! He charg'd me with writing *That Virulent Libel on the Good Queen*, Call'd, *God's Curse on the Sin of Dis-Obedience, that they shall be Taken off in the Flower of their Age.* To which I Answer'd most Truly in my *Num.* 100. That I had never seen it, nor Heard of the *Name* of it before. To which he Replies in the *Observator* we are upon, Vol. 5. N. 17. *He says he did not write or ever Heard of it; tho' 'tis Evident he did write it; and that virulent Libel was Answered by the Bishop of SALISBURY some Months after the Good Queen died.* Now whether the *Bishop* Answer'd it or not, I know not. Nor did I Hear of it Before. But is this a *Proof* that I *Wrote* it? I dare say the *Bp.* wou'd not Charge it upon me. But I have Inquir'd and cannot find that ever such a Book was *Printed*. If so, this is Pure *Invention*!

Country-m. But he says, *It is Evident You wrote it.*

Rehearf. I Quoted this, to shew an *Original* of *Impudence*, and the *Obduratness* of a *WHIGG*, *Harden'd* against *Shame* and *Repentance*! Let him shew his *Evidence*. I *Provoke* him to it. And when he can Prove it, I'll be content to be thought as Great a *Lyer* as he is.

Country-m. He says in the same Place, that you *Falsly put Great Britains Just Complaint on Sir. James Montgomerie.*

Rehearf. This is bidding People not believe their *Eyes*! For I said only, *Num.* 100. *That I always heard it Attributed to Sir. James Montgomerie.* Which I did, and I believe all the *Town* heard the Same. But I did not *Put* it upon him. For I knew no otherwise then what was Commonly said. Only I said *it was None of Mine.* And that is most True.

Country-m. He says, *you Deny plain Matter of Fact.* Speaking of these *two Books* he Charges upon you.

Rehearf. Let the World Judge of these Men. *It is Evident* I wrote them! And *I deny plain Matter of Fact*, in *Denying* it! Where is the *Evidence*? Where is the *Fact*? Will Mankind believe one word upon the Credit of these men, who have *Sold* themselves to *Lyes*, and *Persist* in them! They *Delight* in them!

(6.) *Country-m.* In the *Observator* before this, of the 11th. last *Month*, N. 16. He calls you a *Blockhead* for saying that he ever *Reflected* on his *Royal-Highness*, the *Lord High Admiral*. He says, he spoke of some *Mismanagements* in the *Victualling*, and *Inferior Officers*, but that is no *Reflection* on the *Lord High Admiral*, who might not know of this.

Rehearf. In what he there Quotes of mine, it is said, that he Attack'd the *Lord High Admiral*, by *Name*, and that I had Quoted *his very Words*. All this he knew to be *True*. And cou'd not *Deny* it. Therefore says nothing to that. But *Lyes* on, and says he only spoke of *Inferior Officers*. Therefore I Refer him to my *Num.* 8. where he will find Quoted what he says of the *Lord High Admiral*, how he *Reflects* upon him by *Name*, and Compares with him the *Count de Thoulouse*, Lord *High Admiral* of *France*, and Prefers the *Count* far before him, as more *Generous*, and studying the *Publick Good* more than our *Lord High Admiral*, &c. And this *Tutchin* has *Trumpeted* through the *Nation*!

Think of this, Mr. *Tutchin*.

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